

House Resolution No. 4811

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of such outstanding Show-Me State residents as Buddy Bennett of Higginsville; and

Whereas, Buddy Bennett has attained considerable distinction as the city administrator for Higginsville, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close on October 1, 2007, in well-deserved retirement after eleven years of city employment; and

Whereas, city administrator for Higginsville since December 2000, Buddy Bennett previously served his hometown as its electric superintendent; and

Whereas, Buddy Bennett brought to his work in Higginsville a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experiences garnered from earlier employment with the United States Navy, the city of Rich Hill, the city of Odessa, Phelps and Taber Engineering, and the city of Trenton; and

Whereas, during his tenure as city administrator, Buddy Bennett helped establish a mapping department, remodel city hall and add an elevator and new HVAC system, construct a water tower, gain passage of a 1/4 cent capital improvement tax for road projects, purchase a new fire truck, install new street lighting and a new storm warning system, improve the airport, upgrade the city's website, network the city's computer system, write a City Comprehensive Plan and Emergency Preparedness Plan, adopt building codes, and implement the job of building inspector; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Buddy Bennett earned the 2000 Distinguished Service Award from the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities, received a 2005 Citizen of the Year award from the local Chamber of Commerce, and became the namesake of the Buddy Bennett Community Service Award given by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance; and

Whereas, Buddy Bennett is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Suzanne Bennett; loving father of Jim Bennett, Amy Catron, Sara Comer, Brian Bennett, and Callie Baier; and wonderful grandfather of thirteen children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered in the life and work of Buddy Bennett and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Buddy Bennett of Higginsville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike McGhee
District No. 122

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4811, adopted September 20, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker